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SUBJECT: MARCH 18 NEW YORK TIMES NEWS STORY RE US-IRAN
NUCLEAR COOPERATION

1. DEP DIRGEN HALL (US) HAS CALLED MISSION'S ATTENTION TO
SUBJECT STORY BY LESLIE GELB, PARTICULARLY REFERENCES TO
MANY US OFFICIALS CONSIDERING IAEA SAFEGUARDS INADEQUATE TO
PREVENT DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR BOMBS IF A REPROCESSING
PLANT IS LOCATED IN IRAN AND TO USG DISAGREEING WITH
IRANIAN GOVERNMENT ARGUMENT THAT IAEA SAFEGUARDS ARE SUFFICIENT FOR REPROCESSED PLUTONIUM.

2. HALL INQUIRED WHETHER STORY IS ACCURATE AND WHETHER
USG HAS COMMENTED ON STORY, EITHER TO TIMES OR PUBLICLY.
HE IS CONCERNED THAT NEWS STORY, IF ACCURATE, INDICATES
CHANGE IN OFFICIAL USG ATTITUDE TOWARD IAEA SAFEGUARDS. HE
POINTED OUT THAT ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY USG
IN CONNECTION WITH US COOPERATION WITH IRAN OR ANY
OTHER COUNTRY, WHETHER NPT PARTY OR NOT, IS MATTER FOR USG
AND OTHER STATE CONCERNED, BUT IAEA'S INTEGRITY WOULD BE
JEOPARDIZED IF SUCH ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ARE JUSTIFIED
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ON BASIS OF USG'S LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN IAEA SAFEGUARDS.

IMPLICATIONS FOR IAEA, IN SUCH EVENT, WOULD BE SERIOUS.
ACCORDINGLY, HALL DID NOT RULE OUT AN OFFICIAL INQUIRY BY
DIRGEN EKLUND TO USG FOR EXPLANATION.

3. MISSION REQUESTS INFORMATION CONCERNING ACCURACY OF
REFERENCES IN ARTICLE TO VIEWS OF "ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS"
AND OF USG, DETAILS OF OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO ARTICLE, IF
ANY, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION GUIDANCE (Q'S AND A'S, ETC.)
DEVELOPED FOR USE ON SUBJECT OF US-IRAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION. PORTER

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